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[Despatch Abstract.]

Drainage Scheme — Mangalore Municipality — Address to H.E. the Governor — Papers received.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
6 JUL 1941
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPT.

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From (Name) Sri M. Narayana Shenoy, B. A., B. L.,
Designation Commissioner,
Mangalore Municipality.
Station Mangalore. 25947

To The Secretary to the Government
of Madras, Local Administration
The Department, Fort St. George,
Madras,
Through the Vice-Chairman, M.C. in-charge
Mangalore. and Sanitary Engineer to Govt. Madras.

Enclosures:

No. C2/6276/41 dated 27th June 1941,

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT.
7 JUL 1941
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Sir,

Drainage scheme for Mangalore Municipality.

The Municipal council in its resolution No.40, dated the 23rd June 1941 has resolved to take up the question of a drainage scheme for this Municipality. A copy of the resolution is submitted.

It is seen from the records of this office that the above question was engaging the attention of the council from a long time as back as 1908 and that the council had even advanced monies to Government towards the cost of preliminary investigation and preparation of a suitable scheme but this subject was dropped by the council in the year 1933.

The council has again taken up the matter I request therefore Government may be pleased to order the preparation of suitable scheme for this municipality as desired by the council.

In this connexion, I may be kindly informed whether there is any surplus amount left with Government from out of the advances made by the council in this behalf.

I request early orders.

Commissioner, M.M.

Forwarded:

Vice-Chairman, M.C. in charge.

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Extract from the proceedings of the Mangalore Municipal council, dated the 23rd June 1941.

Resolution No.40.

Read Commissioner's note dated the 7th June 1941 regarding drainage scheme.

A Key scheme to be prepared for the whole town and investigation to be started.

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sd/ L.C.Pais,
Vice-Chairman, M.C.

/ True Extract /

Municipal Office, Mangalore,
Dated the 27th June 1941.

Commissioner, M.M.

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Subject: Mangalore Municipality - Drainage scheme.

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Extract from note containing points discussed with H.E.'s Adviser 3 on behalf of Mangalore municipal council.

Nil --

H.E.'s A-3's Minute

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Item 11.-- The Council also brought up the question of a drainage scheme estimated to cost about 4 lakhs. I said that if the Government were going to give them half of 15 lakhs for their water supply, it was unlikely that they would qualify for any further grants for a very considerable time, and that they must find ways and means themselves if they wanted this in a hurry.

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From the Commissioner, Mangalore Municipality, C2/6276/41, dated 27th June 1941.

The Commissioner of the Mangalore Municipality has since submitted to the Government a copy of the Municipal Council's resolution dated the 23rd June in which the Council has asked that a key scheme of drainage ~~for the Mangalore municipality~~ for the whole Mangalore town should be prepared and investigation started.

2. A scheme of drainage for the Mangalore municipality was investigated by the Sanitary Engineer in 1932. Its execution was estimated to cost Rs 6.59 lakhs and maintenance costs at Rs 12,000 a year. The Council was at first prepared to proceed with the scheme and actually deposited a sum of Rs 2,000 towards the cost of the special staff in the Sanitary Engineer's office for the preparation of detailed plans and estimates. The Government were, however, unable to hold out any promise of grant or loan from Provincial funds. On the 5th January 1933 the

Council passed a resolution saying that its finances would not permit of the scheme being proceeded with and that therefore the detailed estimates need not be prepared. The papers were eventually recorded in G.O.No. 116 P.H., dated 17-1-1933.

3. The investigation of a water supply scheme for the municipality estimated to cost Rs 14 lakhs is under consideration in a separate file. A drainage scheme for Mangalore is not in the list of priority approved in G.O.No. 2474 P.H., dated 13-6-1941. Having regard to the general orders connected with this priority list, namely, that water supply schemes should be preferred to drainage, it does not appear that there is any chance of this being proceeded with. A-3 who discussed the question recently with the municipal authorities has already told them that if the Government were going to consider the water supply scheme it was unlikely that the Council would qualify for a grant for drainage for some considerable time.

A draft memo is submitted.

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Edn. & P.H. Dept.

Memo No. 25947-1 Edn P.H. dt 18.7.41.

From the Commissioner, Mangalore Municipality, No. 6276/41, dated 27-6-41

Drainage scheme - Mangalore Municipality.

The Commissioner, Mangalore Municipality is informed that a drainage scheme for ~~Mangalore~~ the municipality cannot be considered now in view of more urgent schemes.

The Commissioner is asked to address the Sanitary Engineer and ascertain whether there is any surplus amount out of the sum of Rs 2,000 paid by the Council towards the cost of preparing ~~the~~ plans and estimates for ~~a~~ drainage scheme ~~when the matter was under consi-~~ ~~deration~~ investigated in 1932-33.

To

The Commissioner, Mangalore Municipality through the C.M.C.

Copy to the Chief Engr., P.W.D. (B.&.R.)

Refer S.R./Tour.

Governor's Secretariat.

His Excellency's Visit to Mangalore - Presentation of Address by Municipal Council.

An advance copy of the address proposed to be presented to H.E. by the Mangalore Municipal Council may be sent to E.P.H. Dept. for favour of urgent examination, so far as that Dept. is concerned, and for furnishing a brief sum arising note on the points raised. The case may kindly be circulated by March 14th at the latest.

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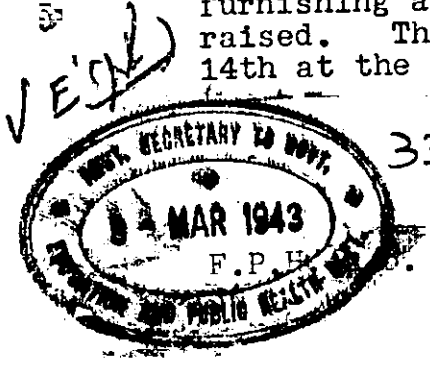

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Asst P.S.G.
8-3-43.

F.P.H. with copy of address.

His Excellency,

The Hon'ble Sir Arthur Hope, G. C. I. E., M. C.,

GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the Chairman and Members of the Mangalore Municipal Council beg to offer to Your Excellency and Lady Hope a loyal welcome on the first occasion of your joint visit to this Town.

2. We appreciate deeply the purpose of Your Excellency's visit to this town. The attention of everyone interested in public welfare is now directed towards the task of helping in the best way to win the war. We are glad that the tide has definitely turned in favour of the United Nations in all the theatres of the war and that there is now every possibility of an early termination of this devastating war. Our town has suffered very badly on account of the handicaps created by the war. Our scheme for remodelling the Webster Market at a cost of Rs. 1,80,000 had to be given up owing to the difficulty of getting the required materials for its reconstruction and, as a result, the loan of Rs. 80,000 sanctioned towards the cost of the work had to be refunded. The scheme for the provision of improved surfacing for roads, a scheme in which Your Excellency has taken so much interest and for which a grant of Rs. 54,900 was sanctioned by Government, had to be given up owing to the difficulty of obtaining bitumen. All our schemes for providing elementary school buildings in places where accommodation is deficient could not be proceeded with due to scarcity of materials. The cost of all materials in the city has gone up by leaps and bounds and even if we were prepared to pay exorbitant prices, materials are not available. Owing to these abnormal conditions, numerous works, large and small, which are essential for improving the amenities of the citizens, are being held up or postponed. Although all these factors may give rise to a feeling in the minds of the rate-payers that they are not getting sufficient return for their money's worth, we find ourselves helpless. The Municipal Employees have been rightly clamouring for an increase in wages on a par with those obtained by Government servants of equal status and standing and we have been obliged to grant their request; but we know that even this help will not be an adequate relief to them under the local conditions obtaining at present. Despite all these commitments we thought that we would be failing in our duty if we did not come forward with a token contribution to Your Excellency's War Fund on this occasion, and have therefore decided to contribute a sum of Rs. 1,000 from Municipal funds towards the purse that is to be presented to Your Excellency. Your Excellency will have noticed that this town is being put into an efficient state of defence, a result to which our Municipality has in every way contributed. A large number of recruits has been sent from the town, and in our industrial institutions, several yonng men have been trained as war technicians. We have given four of our motor lorries and are about to give our only Steam Road Roller.

3. In the review of the administration report for 1941-42, the Government pointe[illegible] the necessity for adopting remedial measures to eradicate pulmonary diseases and fila[illegible]rial endemicity. The control of the dust nuisance will go a long way to minimise pulmon[illegible]ary diseases. We are not now in a position to maintain even the existing bitumen roads, not to speak of providing improved surfacing for more roads. All our watering lorries having been requisitioned for more urgent purposes of State, the usual watering of roads has had also to be stopped. A campaign against filariasis can be successfully carried out only if there is a system of Water-Supply and Drainage for the town. For the past nearly 50 years the Council has been trying its best to get a scheme prepared for a complete system of Water-Supply and Drainage and it has not so far fructified as it did not reach a higher place in the priority list of schemes to be investigated by the Sanitary Engineer. To our representation to Government in this regard, a reply has been given that the question of giving preference to the Mangalore Water-Supply and Drainage Scheme would be considered when the priority list is next revised. Apart from pulmonary diseases and filaria, typhoid is on the increase and is becoming an endemic disease and responsible for a heavy toll of death and suffering among the citizens. Though it may be said with a certain amount of just pride that this Municipality is amongst the cleanest in the presidency, it is a matter of great concern for the Council that it is not in a position to take effective and speedy measures for the control of these diseases. We will be extremely grateful if Government would come to our rescue as speedily as possible.

4. The abolition of Tolls has hit all the municipalities very hard and it is every-where recognised that the passing of the original Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation Act with the promise of high rates of compensation was the result of a mis-calculation. Local bodies have enormously sufferred on this account and, in addition to this, the rates of Profession Tax have been reduced so as to cut down the income from it to about 33 per cent of its original figure. We are conscious that Government have been doing their best to re-imburse the loss to the local bodies from these sources to the fullest limit permitted by the Provincial revenues, but still, as a permanent and stable measure, we would desire to urge that arrangements may be made to reintroduce tolls for non-motor vehicles and, by way of compensating the loss under Profession Tax, the Entertainments Tax, which is purely a local tax, may be entirely made over to the Municipal Councils. We also beg that a grant be allowed to our Municipality for A. R. P. Scheme as allowed to other local bodies.

5. Our district, by the vegetation with which it is clothed during rainy months, produces an impression of fertility; but it is, in all probability, a deficit district, and it is one of the districts which suffers most from soil erosion and continued impoverishment of the soil. The people of this town, in common with others of this district, have been badly affected by the great rise in the prices of essential food stuffs. It is feared that if things are allowed to take their own course we may be soon faced with a considerable shortage and yet further rise in prices. We trust that Your Excellency will have the matter examined early and devise measures to give effective relief to the sufferers.

6. In conclusion, we wish Your Excellency and Lady Hope every success in the object of Your visit to this town, and trust that Your Excellencies will carry away pleasant memories of your short stay in our midst.

We beg to remain,
Your Excellency's Loyal & Dutiful Subjects,
Members of the Municipal Council.

Mangalore.

S. P. WORKS, LTD., MANGALORE.

Cw 3379 (5) from the P. S. G. no nil dated 8.8.1943

His Excellency's Tour - Address by Mangalore Municipal Council

Portion marked 'A' in para 3 of the Address.

i) Water Supply Scheme

The Mangalore municipality has at present no protected water supply scheme. In Go No 2984 P.H. dated 3.7.1940 the Govt sanctioned the preparation of plans and estimates for a scheme (Hassanan valley scheme) and also the investigation of a supplemental scheme (Gurpur river scheme). The Council is levying a water tax at 2 p.c. from 1.4.1941 in order to finance the main scheme. For a detailed history of the scheme, please see the notes on pp 3-6 of ©

2. The scheme has not however been included in the Priority Lists. In memo no 22296-25 P.H. dated 16.7.1941, the Commissioner, Mangalore munty was informed that in view of the large number of water supply and drainage schemes for which plans and estimates are required, the Govt had been obliged to issue instructions to the Sanitary Engineer that the schemes for the towns in which the need is greater, should be taken up first. He was also informed that Govt had ordered that preference

should be given to a number of places whose needs are more urgent than those of Mangalore and that the investigation and preparation of plans and estimates for the water supply scheme of the munty should be deferred for the present. In February 1942, the Council wanted to know when the water supply scheme would be included in the Priority list. It was informed that the Council would be considered when the list was next revised. It has not however been included in the list revised in June 1942.

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ii) Drainage Scheme.

3. A scheme of drainage for the Mangalore municipality was investigated by the Sanitary Engineer in 1932. Its execution was estimated to cost Rs 6·59 lakhs. The Council was prepared to proceed with the scheme, but the Govt were unable to hold out any promise of grant or loan for the scheme. The papers were therefore recorded in Govt No 116 D-II dated 17·1·1933.

4. In June 1941, the Council requested Govt to order the preparation of plans and estimates for the drainage scheme. The Council was then told that a drainage scheme for the municipality could

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not be considered in view of more urgent Schemes.

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Elementary School buildings

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Special.

Item A' p.1 c.f. Recd in A Sn at 11 A.M on 9.3.1943. WBB 9.3.43.

1/ Attention is invited to the portion marked 'B' on page 3 c.f. There is no specific request from the Council. The Municipal Council, Mangalore, was promised subsidy in 1942-43 for the construction of buildings for the elementary Schools noted below:

pp 25-26 c.f. of Jo no 6996 Edn (H) 12.5.42

(1) Market Ward Boys' School Rs. 6927

(2) Municipal Muhammadan Higher Ely: School 940

The work in respect of these two buildings is in progress and part-payment has been sanctioned ~~to these~~ in G.O. No 45 Edn., Dt 9.1.1943.

Not part "B" impr. & appr. accd. by F.S)

2/ In connection with the Part II Schemes for 1943-4 the Council applied for building grants for the following Schools:—

pp 32-34 c.f. of Memo No 61/46(5)-2 30.4.43 (S)

(1) Bockapatna Hindustani School Rs. ~~625~~ 625

pp 35-37 — " — (2) Bockapatna Higher Elementary school - 1625

pp 38 c.f. of Memo No 6260(5)-4 16.1.43 (3) Central Ward Boys' Higher Elementary School - 1525

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The grant ~~is to be~~ considered premature to consider the question of provision of funds ~~for these works~~, until plans and estimates were scrutinized and it was settled how construction could proceed in view of the existing restrictions on the use of building materials such as iron, teak and cement. No provision was therefore made in the B.E. for 1943-44. The municipal council was informed accordingly.

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Agreed

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Elections Secs.

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There are a number of towns in much greater need of water & drainage than Mangalore. The address recognizes the reasons for Govt's decision. BM 10/3/43

Governor's Secty.

The file is returned with thanks.
H.E. replied to the address extempore and made no commitments.

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These notes may be recorded.
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